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PLAYERS WIN MORE THAN \$2 MILLION IN BIG PRIZES OVER WEEKEND

-Two Players Win \$1 Million Each Playing Powerball-

RALEIGH- North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) players had a huge weekend winning nearly \$2.5 million in big prizes. Two of those players won \$1 million each playing Powerball when they matched all five white balls in Saturday's drawing. Those players actually won \$200,000 each, but Power Play increased their winnings to \$1 million! The multiplier for the drawing was five. The \$1 million tickets were sold at Eagle Food Mart #4 on Durham Street in Burlington and Kangaroo Express #218 on Horner Boulevard in Sanford.

Danny Williams of Elon was a \$1 million winner. He discovered Sunday morning that he matched the winning numbers when he checked his newspaper. Williams said he picked his own numbers.

"I just pick whatever comes in my head," he said when he visited the lottery's headquarters Monday morning. "When I saw the numbers I knew they were my numbers... I said those are my numbers." Williams said he plans to pay off his mortgage, pay bills, and send his daughter to college.

Also on Saturday, two players won \$50,000 each in the Powerball drawing by matching four of the five white balls and the Powerball. They actually won \$10,000, but because they chose to Power Play, they increased their winnings to \$50,000. Four players won \$10,000 by matching four of the five white balls and the Powerball. They did not Power Play.

"Carolina Cash 5" was lucky this weekend for several people. Bobby Graham of Statesville matched all five balls to win \$117,965 playing "Carolina Cash 5." He purchased the winning ticket at Fast Phil's #12 on Salisbury Road in Statesville. On Sunday, two players split a \$69,404 in "Carolina Cash 5." Those winners have not claimed their prize. In the past four days, "Carolina Pick 3" winners won a total of \$615,920. Instant scratch-off ticket players have won nearly \$3 million in prizes since last Thursday.

Winners in the January 27 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u> <u>Purchased</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was</u>
Danny Williams	Elon	\$1 million	Eagle Food Mart #4 2109 Durham St., Burlington
Unknown		\$1 million	Kangaroo Express #218 1130 N. Horner Blvd., Sanford

Winners in the January 27 Powerball drawing continued:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Sheila Patterson	Sanford	\$50,000	Kangaroo Express #3844 2206 Jefferson Davis Highway Sanford
Unknown		\$50,000	Buffalo Shoals Supermarket 2887 Buffalo Shoals Rd., Newton
Darrell Bedwell	Candler	\$10,000	Fast Stop Market #302 627 Smoky Park Highway, Candler
Unknown		\$10,000	Fairway One Stop #14 1055 Randolph St., Thomasville
Unknown		\$10,000	Family Fare BP #400 3501 Robinhood Rd. Winston-Salem
Unknown		\$10,000	West Park BP 1400 W. D St., North Wilkesboro

Winner in the January 26 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Bobby Graham	Statesville	\$117,965	Fast Phil's #12 935 Salisbury Rd., Statesville

Winner in the January 23 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
David Giggey	Princeton	\$47,453	Handy Mart # 49 1880 U.S. Highway 70-A, Pine Level

Winner in the January 24 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Howard Blackwell	Eden	\$200,000	Eden Store 902 E. Stadium Dr., Eden
Lawrence Bradford	Fayetteville	\$10,000	Reilly Road BP and Amoco 101 N. Reilly Rd., Fayetteville
Ralph Evans	Fayetteville	\$10,000	Short Stop #39 2302 Gillespie St., Fayetteville
William Ayers	Lexington	\$10,000	Thrifty Stop 3117 Michael Rd., Lexington
Julius Wallace	Erwin	\$10,000	Erwin Mart 201 S. 13 th St., Erwin

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Winners from the January 24 Powerball drawing continued:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Howard Frederick	Statesville	\$10,000	Fast Phil's #12 935 Salisbury Rd., Statesville

Winner in the January 20 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
John Edwards	Marshville	\$10,000	Quik Chek #20 713 Main St., Oakboro

Instant scratch-off ticket top tier winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Game Played</u>
William Moore	Burlington	\$77,777	"Ruby Red 7's"
Brian Tripp	New Bern	\$7,777	"Diamond White 7's"

For more information about the NCEL, visit its Web site at www.nc-educationlottery.org or call (919) 715-6886.

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